

Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

Date: September 5, 2021 Title: Doers of the Word (series) Theme: Making Distinctions Purpose: Let this be a worship experience of reconciliation, not just between individuals, but between the church and world. Old Testament: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 New Testament (Epistle): James 2:1-10 New Testament (Gospel): Mark 7:24-37	Date: September 12, 2021 Title: Doers of the Word (series) Theme: Taming the Tongue Purpose: We must be even more vigilant in how we present God and what words we are wanting to put in the mouths of those who worship with us this day. Old Testament: Proverbs 1:20-33 New Testament (Epistle): James 3:1-12 New Testament (Gospel): Mark 8:27-38
Date: September 19, 2021 Title: Doers of the Word (series) Theme: Root of Conflict Purpose: Peace is possible, even while we are works in process. This isn't about completion and the satisfaction of a job well done; it is about a journey of discovery and transformation. Old Testament: Proverbs 31:10-31 New Testament (Epistle): James 3:13-4:3, 7-8 New Testament (Gospel): Mark 9:30-37	Date: September 26, 2021 Title: Doers of the Word (series) Theme: Power of Prayer Purpose: Worship can offer forms for prayer, prayers that show how prayer is shaped. Old Testament: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 New Testament (Epistle): James 5:13-20 New Testament (Gospel): Mark 9:38-50

Sunday's Service Information

Traditional Service – For those that love that “Old Time Religion”, we have a traditional worship service that meets every Sunday at 8:30 am.

Blended Service – Not too bold, not too mild...just right. Our Blended service combines the best of our traditional and contemporary worship services. The Blended service is every Sunday at 10:30 am. There is also Children's Church available for kids K through 5th grade.

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Friday – Office Closed.

Newsletter and Bulletin Deadlines

We have a lot of ministries and events going on at Burton and it is important to get the word out regarding them. So, please remember the *deadline for getting information into the weekly bulletin is on Wednesdays. The deadline for monthly Beacon articles is the 20 of each month.* Please send all information that you want placed in the bulletin or in the Beacon to the office at bae_bmumc@att.net.

*DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!*

September Birthdays:

September Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Jerry Wilkinson	1	Bootsie Wells	17	Claude & Betty Bullock	5
Tiffany Katz	2	Jacob Kirkman	18	Barry & Susan Gabler	22
Sophia Barry	5	Barbara Koch	19	Dorothy & Larry Jarboe	23
Sharon Albury	11	Harry Forgan	21		
Barry Gabler	14	Jill McCauley	24		
Charles Bigger	15	Carol Johnson	25		
Bill Crofts	15	Victoria Pinson	25		
Lillie Kunkel	15	Deborah Shelley	27		
Mike Donovan	16	Reid Bennett	29		
George Pinson	17	Annie Mulford	30		

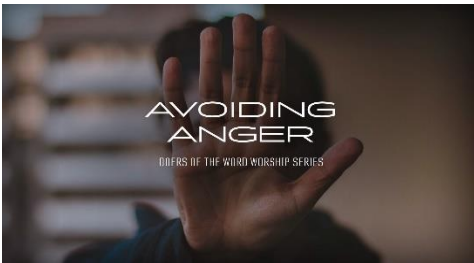


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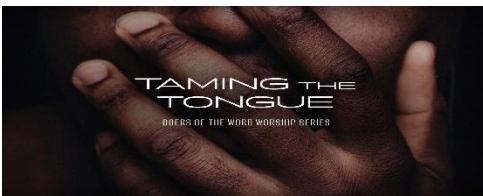
September Sermon Series 2021 “Doers of the Word”

We are kicking off a new worship series titled: “Doers of the Word” Throughout this series, we are reflecting on how well we are living in community. We need to look at our relationships within the body: How do we value one another? Who is being neglected or left out of the decision-making process within the church? We are also examining how we relate to the wider community around us.



August 29, 2021 (Avoiding Anger): Being “Doers of the Word” is not about works’ righteousness, but about living out the salvation we have received by grace through faith. “You’ve been saved or claimed by Christ, so what? How will your life be different, look different, act different because of that primary relationship?” While anger might not be the center of this text, it is one of those distractions that often keeps us from being doers of the word.

September 5, 2021 (Making Distinctions): Martin Luther feared that people would read the epistle of James as saying that do enough good works and you’ll receive salvation. But that isn’t James’s argument. Instead, he is saying that true faith has to come out in words and in deeds. It isn’t just about what resides in our heads but what comes out through our hands.



September 12, 2021 (Taming the Tongue): How do we talk about gossip without gossiping? James wants to help us tame the tongue. It’s true that we don’t take this one all that seriously, but we’ve all experienced the sting of the tongue as we were growing up, and even as adults.

September 19, 2021 (Root of Conflict): Peace is possible, even while we are works in process. This isn’t about completion and the satisfaction of a job well done; it is about a journey of discovery and transformation. But peace can be our companion in the journey to keep our feet on the path.



September 26, 2021 (Power of Prayer): Prayer and action are not opposites but complements in the spectrum of responding in faith. Prayer can be a launching pad to action and then a reflection on the action done, and through it all, prayer is a way of being reminded of the presence of the Spirit in what we do.



Smoking Tuesday Night Adult Bible Study

IT'S BACK!!!!...or at least it is coming back. *We will be restarting our Smoking Tuesday Night Bible Study on September 7, 2021.* What better way to enjoy the day after Labor Day than a nice smoked Texas Brisket along with some fellowship and bible discussion with some friends. We will be sticking to the same schedule as before.

6:00 to 6:30: Food and Fellowship

6:30 to 7:30: Bible Study (In person or on Zoom)

The study will coincide with our sermon series, “Doers of the Word.” Stay tuned for the place. As always, the meat will be provided by pastor and Tom Simpson, and those attending are asked to bring a side dish to share. The meeting place will vary between The Simpson’s house and the pastor’s house. The first meeting on September 7, 2021 will be held at the Simpson’s house which is: 768 Bostwick Drive / Key Largo, FL 33037. The remaining locations will be decided at first bible study in September. Don’t forget, the study will be posted via Zoom and an e-mail and text will go out on Monday, September 6, 2021 with an invite.

Ringin' News

We are looking for a few good ringers! The Burton Ringers and the Baby Belles are looking for new members – short term or weekly. ***Our beginner group rehearsal is from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm and requires NO musical experience. Our advanced choir’s rehearsal is from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm and requires previous handbell experience or strong musical knowledge. We rehearse in the sanctuary.*** God offers the BEST benefit package around! Come and join our choir chime choir or handbell choir. See any member or director RaeLeigh Gonsalves for more information.



Dedication of New Choir Chimes

We are SO excited! *We have purchased the 4th and 5th octaves of choir chimes and will be dedicating them on Sunday, September 19, at both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services.* We will be combing both our beginner choir and our advanced choir to chime two lovely pieces as part of the worship service. We are beyond grateful for the support of Burton and its congregation in helping our ministry grow. We hope to see you there – bring a friend!

Altar Flowers



The Flower Calendar for 2021 is ready for you! Please consider placing an orchid on the altar in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone or something (such as a ministry or event) or to the Glory of God. In 2021 we will not have altar flowers on Communion Sundays – the Sacrament will be our focus. The rest of the year is almost completely open – so sign up! Cost is \$20.00 per arrangement. The calendar is in the Narthex, or you can contact the church office. Please, only two orchids per Sunday.

Women’s Bible Study

There will be a Women’s Bible Study on Monday nights, starting on September 13, 2021, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. We will be using the study guide: “Yeshua in His Father’s Feasts: An Appointed Times Study Guide”, which can be ordered on Amazon. For more information, contact Carol Albury-Johnson at 305-394-3809 or Hedy Menendez at 786-818-1290.



The One Great Service



The one service to rule them all! One of the positive things about having two worship services on Sunday is that we can provide the members of Burton Memorial and the community with a variety in which they can choose a worship time that best suits their schedule on Sunday. The **8:30** provides an early worship in which people can: “Get their God & Go” and have the rest of the day to do “whatever.” The **10:30** provides a worship service in which people can sleep in on Sunday and attend service in a more relaxed atmosphere.

The only bad thing about having two services on Sunday is we have church members that really do not know or see each other. So, in order to fix this, Burton Memorial will start having “**One Great Service**” on every communion Sunday (which will be once a month). The service will be held at 10:00 am, and each service will be followed by a **Potluck** (11:45 am) in which we will eat together right after we have broken bread together. In other words, we will truly be coming together every communion Sunday.

Our next “**One Great Service**” will be on **October 3, 2021, at 10:00 am.**

We will be hosting a “**Potluck**” on **October 3, 2021, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Center**, in which Burton will provide the meats (pulled pork and BBQ chicken). Please bring a side dish to share. This Potluck is open to all!

Membership and Information Class

Following every “One Great Service and Potluck” Pastor Kerry Foote will be hosting a membership and information class in his office at 1:00 pm. If you would like to discover more about Burton Memorial United Methodist Church and what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church, please attend. Also, if you would like to become a member of Burton Memorial and will not be able to attend one of the classes provided on Sunday, please **contact Pastor Kerry to set up an appointment**. Call or text him at 305-407-7040 or email him at pastor.foote@outlook.com.



God's Kitchen/Food Pantry

Our food pantry moved back inside on June 2. We are still working out the details to make everyone feel safe and welcome. We also began serving Thursday night God's Kitchen free dinners inside as well. Togo meals are still available. If you can help with our dinners, cooking, cleaning, or serving up meals on Thursdays, or if you can help with our pantry, creating grocery bags or handing out food, please call the church office at 305-852-2581, or call MaryLou at 305-394-3878.

College Ministry

Please contact the church office at 305-852-2581 to include a student in the College Ministry. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Pastor Kerry at 305-407-7040.



Jack Bridges has been nominated for a judgeship by the local judicial nominating commission. His name is now being submitted to the Governor, who will make his decision sometime within the next 50 days. If there is anyone who would like to make a recommendation for any of the nominees, they may contact the Governor at Office of the Governor, The Capitol, 400 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Please include the following in your reference: Type of Appointment: County Judge, Judicial Vacancy: Monroe County, Vacating Judge: Hon. Ruth Becker.

Status of Offerings



Please remember that the weekly offerings pay the expenses of our worship services, as well as contributing to the various church ministries. Below are the offering and website collections for the past four services.

Last Four Weeks					Year to Date		
Week	Date	Offering	Plan	+ / -	Offering	Plan	+ / -
31	1-Aug	\$4,055	\$2,013	2,042	\$95,994	\$81,858	14,136
32	8-Aug	\$1,417	\$2,013	-596	\$97,411	\$83,871	13,540
33	15-Aug	\$1,030	\$2,013	-983	\$98,441	\$85,884	12,557
34	22-Aug	\$2,296	\$2,013	283	\$100,737	\$87,897	12,840

While our services have reopened, we are continuing with our Facebook Live service at 10:30 am, with videos posted on Facebook. If you do not feel safe at this time to come to the church, please help us by either mailing your normal donation by check to Burton Memorial UMC, 93001 Overseas Highway, Tavernier, FL 33070, or go to our website and click on Give Online to set up a payment online.



Dear UMW and ladies of the church,

Well, this announcement comes out before we have our regular meeting (the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm), so it is hard to tell you what we are up to without it. ***Our next meeting is September 27th in the Joy classroom at 7:00 pm.*** We are trying to come up with a little different program for United Methodist Women.

Most meetings, we have a program from our program book, and a reading from the prayer calendar 📅. They are always interesting, but we also enjoyed the book discussions. So, we are trying to diversify the meetings to change it up some. We really enjoyed the breakfast at Harry Harris Park and the fellowship was wonderful, so we want to include more of those during the year.

If you haven't been to a meeting in a long time, or never, and you want to see how we are changing, join us. If you need a ride, please don't hesitate to ask. Call me, Mary Lou, at 305-394-3878. We have ladies coming from the north and south to the meeting.

Blessings,
Mary Lou Wilkinson, President

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Did you know we make baby blankets and baby octopus, prayer shawls with matching hats for college students, crocheted bookmark crosses and other requested items? ***Come and join the fun Thursday evening in the Joy Classroom at 7:00 pm,*** knitting and crocheting for our ministry. We have supplies and will teach. We continue to wear masks and sit social distancing. For more information, call Virginia Spear at 305-522-2978.

Prayer Bead Ministry

Each day we hear of someone in the hospital or placed in rehab or are suddenly alone. How better to tell them you care but with our prayer beads!

Remember that a selection of our latest prayer beads can be viewed on our website. Please visit <https://www.bmumc.net/>. Under Programs, tab "Salty Service" then go to "Prayer Shawl & Bead Ministries."

For more information, call or text Linda Norman at 305-393-2589. Please feel free to email lindalillonorman@gmail.com.



Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards

Burton Green Team - Edith Zewadski-Bricker

The following is my testimony given before the Environmental Protection Agency Hearings on August 25: Public Hearing for Revised 2023 and Later Model Year Light Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I am Edith Zewadski-Bricker, the Social Action Liaison for the Florida Conference Leadership Team of United Methodist Women. I am here today as a private citizen and a woman of faith to advocate for the strongest vehicle emission standards possible. We are in a moment where our policy choices will impact the present and the future, harming those that are poor the most. As leaders you have a grave responsibility to alleviate the climate crisis to protect the poor here and around the world, to protect generations to come, to protect our nation's sovereignty, and ultimately to save the planet.



This purpose frames the issues discussed here today.

The current Administration has recognized the urgent need for increased vehicle efficiency and limited vehicle planet-warming emissions for these very reasons. The Environmental Protection Agency must do no less. Now is *not* the time to pander to the automakers with complex credit schemes and tax loopholes that can be manipulated in the name of profits. Remember, the climate crisis is the number one issue facing the nation...and the world. And, unfortunately, only the policy makers, not individual citizens, can tackle these issues in any significant way.

I am here because global warming is slated to flood the Florida Keys, my home. Here in South Florida the Miami Herald headline reads, "Sea rise under scrutiny in condo collapse." How many condos will collapse as the changing climate exacerbates the damage from hurricanes. How much will state and local governments spend uselessly fighting sea-level rise. I implore you to see past the politics, the powerful, the profits, and the present, to the impact of your decisions... on the future as well as on the here and now. Consider the poor in inner-City Miami whose children already are dying from asthma or pneumonia or Covid 19 as a direct or indirect result of diesel-school-bus and gasoline-vehicle emissions.

In your wisdom, from the depths of your soul to the voice of conscience (that little Jiminy Cricket on your shoulder), decide in favor of the strictest of emission standards and highest of vehicle efficiency that will exceed the Obama-Biden federal standards.

Health and Wellness

by Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN

Month two of the series by Mathew Pryor, "Body Tithe". Mathew, who created body Tithe University, has a website focused on fitness, but which incorporates principles from the Bible and the Christian faith to help ensure spiritual victory regardless of the results. He has a book and a devotional as well. I really like the way Mathew pulls us closer to God and his teachings while focusing on fitness as a daily spiritual habit. Wow, month one was a challenging discipline for me, but beneficial in my journey. If I were to grade myself, I would give myself a "C" on the work, and a star for effort! Most importantly, it was a forward movement towards daily victories! I asked last month that you let me know if you were participating in the "Body Tithe" series. I am concerned that I have not heard from one person who is participating in the "Body Tithe" series; not even a like or a dislike (LOL). I suppose that is why Facebook is so popular and addictive. I ask myself, what is God teaching me? What is God placing on my heart? How about you? I would like to hear from you. Email: snookkingk@aol.com or 305-546-6682.



If you are starting this series today, you will need to set aside 10 minutes a day and have a notepad, journal, or electronic device. Be sure to date your journal entries. The daily activity will include Bible verse study, reflection/journaling, acknowledging your daily victory, and prayer.

Day	Scripture	Challenge question/s	Victory	Prayer
29)	John 14:16-17-26	Are you having trouble obeying his counsel?		
30)	Luke 11:13	How can you shift from sacrifice to benefits?		
31)	Act 1:8	Do you see a future where you desire healthy habits?		
32)	Ephesians 1:13-14	Do you think you deserve good things?		
33)	James 1:5-6	Where do you find you need wisdom?		
34)	Titus 3:5-7	How do you remind yourself to rely on the Holy spirit?		
35)	Romans 8:15	How do you control urges of the flesh?		
36)	1 Peter 5:8	How can you make sure you seek God first?		
37)	Ephesians 6:13-14a	Write down one negative self-talk and then one truth.		
38)	Philippians 4:7	How can you protect yourself from Satan?		
39)	Corinthians 1.21	Do you believe God will give you victory?		
40)	Psalms 91:4	How can you take up the shield of faith?		
41)	Isaiah 26:3	Which is your biggest struggle; discouragement, doubt ,or pride?		
42)	Hebrews 4:12a	Do you believe that Gods' word defends, disarms, and protects?		
43)	Psalms 119:45	Is guilt weighing you down? (confess and accept)		
44)	Psalms 34:4	Are you so focused on the sacrifices? Not enjoying the rewards?		
45)	Psalms 103	How do you feel knowing Gods' love is not based on performance?		
46)	Psalms 19:7	Do you struggle with trying to be perfect?		
47)	Psalms 18:32	What can you do to fly free?		
48)	Romans 8:5	Where do you need freedom in your life?		
49)	Ephesians 4:22-24	What practical steps can you take to live as a new creation?		
50)	Lamentations 3:22-23	Reflect on God's mercies spending time praising him.		
51)	Philippians 4:6-7	Do you have faith in God?		
52)	Romans 8:26-27	How is the Holy Spirit working on your behalf?		
53)	Romans 8:28	Lift up areas in your life that you need God for his Glory?		
54)	Matthew 6:26	How do you handle worry?		
55)	Psalms 143:8	How can I trust God more?		
56)	Psalms 37:5-7a	What if you heart was in constant awe and wonder of the Lord?		

But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. 1 Chronicles 15:7. Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:2.

Pumpkin Patch is Coming

It is just around the corner. And we need all hands-on deck.

We need a small crew to show up the day before the pumpkin arrive on **Saturday, October 2, at 9:00 am** to help set out the pallets for the pumpkin to be placed on.

The pumpkins will arrive on **Saturday, October 9 at 1:00 pm**. We will need a lot of volunteers on this day to help unload over 1,000 pumpkins from the back of a semi-trailer and onto the church grounds. Those who help participate in this event will get a free pumpkin to take home to their family.

Finally, there is a sign-up board located in the Narthex, in which families and individuals can sign up to sell pumpkins in the patch from October 10 through October 31.



Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 30, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. There will be inflatable games, a mini conch train, dunk tank, a pumpkin carving contest, a costume contest, and a petting zoo.



Schedule of Events:

- 2:00 pm: Inflatables Rides (unlimited rides with \$5.00 wristband).
- 3:00 pm: Petting Zoo Opens (unlimited with same wrist band).
- 4:00 pm: Pumpkin Carving Contest (1/2 off pumpkins)
Participants are asked to bring their own carving utensils.
- 5:00 pm: Costume Contest (Free)

Food and refreshments will be provided at a reasonable price.

Children's Home Fifth Sunday

Burton received this certificate in honor of all the members that give to this worthy mission in 2020. This August is another fifth Sunday month. If you wish to donate, please find a Children's Home envelope inside this Sunday's bulletin. Or simply mail your check to Burton and put "Children's Home" in the memo line.

